



Edward 'Chum' Leask

June 19, 1928 - October 29, 2014

With heavy hearts the family of Edward Paul Leask announce that "Chum" went to Heaven on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, in his 86th year. He was born on June 19, 1928, Surrounded by love, lifted by promise and received in peace. Veteran, steady of hand, impervious to panic never happier visiting with family and the many lives of friends he touched! His undying humor, disarming wit, always had a good story to tell. Entrepreneurial at heart, a business man who prized integrity above all profit. As a father, our rock, our harbor, trusting child of God, a gentle, kind, sweet man. His dedication to God, family, country and the love of Chippewa County, Chum worked at various jobs including; City Police, Corps of Engineers, Business owner, Retiring from State Farm Insurance. Chum served on various boards including: Sault Ste. Marie City Commission, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, The Board of War Memorial Hospital. He was instrumental in the founding of the I-500 race track. Chum served in the Army in Korea for 18 months earning the Bronze Star. Retiring from the 1437th Engineer National Guard after more than 25 years of dedicated service. After retirement Chum enjoyed woodworking, fishing and was an avid hunter. Chum was a member of the VFW, American Legion, and the Elks. Chum was a member of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Survived by Sons - David (Kim), Joe, Mike (Connie), Mark (Melanie) Daughters - Sharon (Oscar) Orazietti, Angie Leask, Linda (Eric) Ayers. Sister -in-law Mary Catherine Quinn 29 Grandchildren - - 20 Great Grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins

Predeceased by Loving Wife Shirley, daughters Janet and Cheryl, His mother Leona Leask Visitation will be at Holy Family Church, Barbeau, MI, Saturday November 1, 2014 from 10 am to 12:00 noon with Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 Noon with Br. John Hascall officiating. Burial will take place at Donaldson Holy Family Cemetery In lieu of flowers the family requests Memorial Contributions, in "Chum's" name, be made to Hospice of the E. U. P. Online condolences may be left at clarkbaileynewhouse.com

Tribute Wall



“ Edward 'Chum' Leask

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Edward 'Chum' Leask

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Edward 'Chum' Leask

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ I knew both Chum and his mother Leona Leask. Leona lived behind the church at Bay de Wasi . I spent summers on Sugar Island, MI. early 1940's to early 1950's. She did 3 different colored maps of Sugar Island, MI. stenciled on cloth. See my summer place, go to==== KINGOFMAGICIANS.COM ==== (click the respective files and they will open up to full size) on but it did not look quite like that in the early 1940's. I knew all these people the Hittle's, the Stewart's, Mary, Bill, Connie, Ida, Malon , the Cowan's, Gilbert, Seldon, Robert, Mary Byrd Hann. Dale Saunders (Curay) great great grandfather Colin Curay was younger (c. 1915) than my mother circa dob 2/5/1911 his great great grandfather 1915.

JEFFERY BURNETT - September 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Chum. We just received word today (January 2, 2015) via the Win Awenen Nisitotung newspaper. The Family of Glenn and June Sylvester Garden City, Michigan

Family of Glenn Sylvester - January 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Our family (Roe Chevrolet after Ted Caffey Chevrolet) has been gone from The Soo for 32 years. Chum's life is very alive to me. We met Chum on his return (first from Korea) then as commander of The Soo National Guard in the 12th Street Riot in the not summer of 1967 (called by Gov. Romney just before the 82nd Airborne was called in by President Johnson.) When the concept of the I-500 grew in 1967 into its first race February 8, 1969, Chum and Bob Miller agreed to be the Track Building Co-Chairmen. Let history not omit them as an originator of The International I-500 Snowmobile Race. The loss, this year, of these two giants makes 2014 a year to remember. Ross N. Roe (Lived in The Soo with Chum for 16 years - 1967-1983) rroe@charter.net Home Phone - 541-476-7251 Cell Phone - 541-218-4401 Grants Pass, Oregon

Ross N. Roe - November 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My family offers to you our deepest condolences for your loss. I first met Chum in 1955-56 when we arrived in America from Europe - I was eight years old . We were dirt poor but my folks always planted a huge garden so that we might have food on the table. My dad got to know Al Jaros as he spoke some Ukrainian and through him we got to know Chum. Dad mentioned to Al that what would really help him take better care of his family was to have a root cellar that vegetables could be stored in the winter time. Within a short time period a truck load of cement blocks showed up at our house followed by both Al and Chum. They proceeded to tell my dad that they were there to help him build a root cellar - and working on their own time they did just that. My parents were overwhelmed by the kindness of these two men. They did this knowing full well that dad could not pay them back. However I do remember that mom and dad kept Al and Chum well supplied with vegetables, saurkraut and raspberries for quite a few years. Chum was instrumental in getting me to join the local guard unit in 1967. At that time I was the only man in the 1437th that was not a US citizen - I had not as yet applied for US citizenship. I know that Chum was proud to point out to others that he had this kid in his unit that joined on his own even though he was not a US citizen. My dad was concerned that I joined on my own but all it took to calm him down was a chat with Chum. I know that the guy upstairs will embrace Chum with open arms and God willing we will see him again in our future lives. May God bless him for all of Chum's goodness.

Don Sawruk - November 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We are sorry to hear about the loss of y.our Father. We know how hard it is to loss someone who is so close to you. We wish you the best through these upcoming weeks and hope all goes well. If you need anything at all, just stop by our house and let us know. We will be more than happy to help you out. Our sincere wishes to you and your family. Dan & Caryl Densmore2

Dan & Caryl Densmore - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Leask family sorry for your loss. He can have a glass of wine with Father Don and Uncle Eugene and my Dad. Ann (pingatore) Lasecki

ann lasecki - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I can remember Dad and Mom talking about him often and how much they liked him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.

Chuck and Susann (Currie) Sheets - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Shirley and family' We are so sorry to hear about the passing of our good friend Chum. We will not be able to attend the funeral because my father Bob Greenwood has Dementia and has to be cared for 24/7. We told him about Chum,s passing and I think that he understands but not sure. You and Chum were great friends to Dad and mom and I know if dad were able to attend he would be there. Again we are so sorry for your loss. Jim, Pat , Barb, Greenwood

Bob Greenwood - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM